THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Some proposals for the amendment of the MRTP Act including, *inter alia*, proposals relating to protection of consumers' interests are under consideration of the Government.

Central Public Sector Undertakings suffering Losses

*210. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) names of Central Public Sector Undertakings which suffered losses in 1987-88 and the cumulative losses suffered by each one of them upto 31st March, 1988; and

(b) which of them have received Budgetary support in 1987-88 and by how much?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Annual accounts for the financial year 1987-88 of the Public Enterprises are yet to be finalised.

Power Production in Northern States

*211. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the potential added to power production of the northern States during the last three years; and

(b) what are the measures being taken to meet the challenge of power shortage in Northern States preferably in the capital during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A total capacity of about 3444 MW was inducted in the States of the Northern Region during the last three years.

(b) It is proposed to add a capacity of about 3970 MW during 1988-89 and 1989-90 in the Northern Region, including Delhi. For maximising generation from existing capacity, 47 thermal uints in the Region have been included in a Centrally sponsored renovation and modernisation programme. To further improve the availability of power in the shortest possible time, measures have been taken to implement short gestation gas based projects, to reduce transmission and distribution losses, and to implement demand management and energy conservation measures.

Foreign Cooperation in the Coal Sector

*212. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new approach towards foreign cooperation in the coal sector;

(b) whether turn-key approach has been adopted to undertake execution of coal projects;

(c) what are the names of the countries which have offered their cooperation in this regard; and

(d) the details of world bank assistance for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Recognising the importance of the coal sector in the Indian economy, several developed countries have offered assistance for financing imports for coal sector projects. Such imports